

Iowa Property Tax Implementation Committee: Overview

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Thank you for serving!

Overview

- 2003 Legislative Session
- HF 692, Division I
 - Scheduled for implementation
 - Subject to removal of repeal by June 30, 2005
- Implementation Committee
 - Not a task force
 - Study and address implementation issues

Key Concepts

- Land Tax and Structure Tax
- Agriculture
 - assessed valuation based on productivity
- Residential
 - assessed valuation tied to a base year
- Commercial and Industrial (combined)
 - assessed valuation tied to a base year

Clarification

- Tax burden should not shift among classes
- Residential tax burden will not double
- Not Proposition 13 from California
 - there should not be a “buyer’s surprise” effect

Section by Section Analysis?

- How much detail at this time?
- Save section by section analysis for later?

Issues Identified in HF 692

Section 41, Paragraph 2 (Page 27)

- Land Tax
 - Add a Recreation or Green Space category?
 - Parks and golf courses
- Square Footage Tax
- Base year assessment issues
- School funding formula

Issues Identified in HF 692

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- Tax credits and exemptions
 - State or local government commitment?
- Urban revitalization and urban renewal
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- Payment in-lieu of taxes
 - Uniform government treatment?
 - Nonprofits?

Issues Identified in HF 692

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- What services should property tax pay for?
- What services are currently paid for with property taxes?
- Property tax limitations

Other Issues We May Address

- Definitions of Agriculture
 - Only row crops, livestock, vineyards?
- Apartments
 - Commercial or residential?
- Mobile homes
 - Commercial and non-valuation SF assessment
- Equalization
 - October 15 through November 15 appeals

Three Sample Counties

- Examine historical data
- Hardware and software issues
 - Opportunity for on-line data base?
- Budget transition issues
- City and County finance committees
- Apportionment of taxes

Future Meetings and Sub-Committee Assignments

- October 31 Report
 - E-mail and teleconference?
- Future meetings for entire committee
 - Quarterly?
 - Telephone and ICN options?
- Sub-committees
 - Monthly e-mail, teleconference, ICN meetings?

Questions?

Suggestions?